



For a complete list of Small Business Month events, visit CharlotteSmallBusinessMonth.com.

Tuesday, May 2

31 Days of Business (Networking Celebration)

Hosted by CharlotteBusinessResources.com at Heist Event Room, 2909 N. Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28205

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ignite your entrepreneurial spirit at Charlotte's kick-off to Small Business Month! Connect and network with local entrepreneurs and small business owners in a fun & relaxed atmosphere. Bring your business cards and we'll provide appetizers and name tags color-coded by industry to help you find the right contacts. Bring a friend and let's celebrate!

Tuesday, May 2

Business 101: Panel discussion with Charlotte Black Chamber of Commerce

Hosted by Charlotte Mecklenburg Library & Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce at Beatties Ford Road Regional Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte, NC 28216

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Small Business Week with members of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce as they discuss their personal entrepreneurial experience in the Charlotte area. CMBCC serves black business owners and professionals in the Charlotte region by providing education, resources and networking opportunities to their members -- in an effort to increase the economic vitality of the business community as a whole. If you have any interest in starting a business, this is the discussion you don't want to miss! Register at www.cmlibrary.org/calendar.

Tuesday, May 2

Women in Business Awards

Hosted by National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Charlotte at Charlotte City Club, 121 W Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The 2017 Business Women of the Year Awards Gala recognizes the significant accomplishments of women business owners. Join us to applaud the success of honorees, provide visibility and recognition of their lea

Saturday, May 6

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Presents: Business Credit Seminar

Hickory Grove, 5935 Hickory Grove Road, Charlotte, NC 28215

2:00pm- 3:30pm

All business owners or those who want to start a business...COME JOIN US! Participants will receive information on how to create a business credit profile, business scores that can help you secure cash and credit funding for their business. Register at www.cmlibrary.org/calendar.



Monday, May 8

City Council Small Business Month Remarks

5:30 p.m.

City of Charlotte at Charlotte- Mecklenburg Government Center, Council Chambers, 600 East 4th Street, Charlotte, NC

The Small Business Month proclamation will be read at the City Council Business Meeting.

Thursday, May 11

Mayor's International Community Awards

Hosted by the City in partnership with the Charlotte International Cabinet at Booth Playhouse at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center & Urban Garden at 1 Bank of America Center

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Event honoring foreign-owned firms and three individuals or organizations for their outstanding contributions to the international community.

Thursday, May 11

She Flew the Coop Live! Entrepreneurship Edition

Hosted by CPCC's Small Business Center at CPCC Central Campus - Tate Hall, 1206 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28204

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

What would make you leap into entrepreneurship to live out your dream? Join us for a special entrepreneurship edition of "She Flew the Coop Live!" where compelling stories from those who took the leap will be shared. Gain lessons learned, inspiration and motivation to fly the coop and begin your own entrepreneurial journey.

Wednesday, May 17th

International Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners (IESBO) Meeting

Hosted by the City of Charlotte's Office of International Relations at Goodwill Opportunity Campus, 2901-A Freedom Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208

7:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

IESBO will focus on business excellence in the Construction Industry. The event will feature several workshops hosted by an expert partner, to include: Project PIECE, Charlotte Business INclusion, Proposal Writing and Mentor Protégé relationships.



Wednesday, May 17th

LACC Luncheon: Keynote Speaker, Mayor Jennifer Roberts

Hosted by the Latin American Chamber of Commerce Charlotte at Mint Museum Uptown, 500 S Tryon Street, 5th Floor, Charlotte, NC 28262

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join City of Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts as she presents on growing the Latino Business Impact in Charlotte. Please register by Monday, May 15th.

Wednesday, May 17th

Simple Steps for Starting Your Business: SCORE & The Library

Hosted by Charlotte Mecklenburg Library & SCORE at Main Library, 310 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Learn about business plans, developing your business, & SCORE support services. In you are not using the free library research services to discover competitors, prospects, market data and more...find out how! Register at www.cmllibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, May 17th

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crowns of Enterprise Awards

Hosted by the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County at the Harvey B. Gantt Center, 551 S Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A reception honoring the successes and achievements of small, minority and woman-owned businesses.

Tuesday, May 23rd

2017 CMBC 30 under 30 Recognition Breakfast

Hosted by Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce at Johnson C. Smith University, Grimes Lounge at Mary Joyce Taylor Crisp Student Union, 100 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28226

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Event honoring up and coming business owners and professionals who are transforming business as usual, and contributing positively to the fabric of our community. Charlotte Public Defender and community advocate, Toussaint Romain will keynote our 2017 event.



Wednesday, May 24th

Small Business Expo

Hosted by the Latin American Chamber of Commerce Charlotte at Oasis Shriners Center, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Seeking new connections or a career change? Join us! There will be close to 60 small business and corporate booths.

Friday, May 26th

Celebrating & Honoring The Vitality of Small Businesses in Charlotte

Hosted by the Women's Business Center of Charlotte at 9115 Harris Corners Parkway, Suite 125 Charlotte, NC 28269

11:00am - 2:30pm

As part of our one year anniversary for being open in the Charlotte Region, The Women's Business Center of Charlotte will be celebrating Small Business Month with light snacks and refreshments in recognition of the impact and contributions that small businesses have made to the Charlotte Market and surrounding areas. We thank and honor you, your tenacity, and your forthright ability to contribute to the growth and economic development of your community. Please join us! Stop-in, exchange cards, mingle, and network with other business owners.